V. *An Extract of a Letter Written by Mr.* Savard, *Sworn Surgeon at* Paris, *giving an Account of a* Fœtus *lying without the* Uterus *in the Belly; taken from the Journal* Des Sçavans, *of the 26th of* Nov. *1696.*

A Woman big with Child came to *l' Hotel-Dieu* Six Weeks ago, there to Ly-inn of her third or fourth Child; about a Fortnight before her Death, ſhe found ex ceſſive Pains about the Navil and the lower part of the Belly, by the different Motions of the Child, which made her ask preſent Relief, and that her Side might be opened, but they did not hearken to her, thinking it a buſineſs of dangerous Conſequence.

On the Thirteenth of *October* laſt ſhe dyed upon which Mr. *Colignon* and *Joui*, aſſiſted by Madam *De Goue* the chief Midwife, did quickly open her to draw out the Child dead or alive, as is uſual in ſuch occaſions: They underſtood by this opening, that the Child was Dead, and further, that it was not in the *Matrix*, which they found whole near to it; they deferred a further Search till the next Day, and ſent for Mr. *Emmeray* a Phiſician, Mr. *Mauriçeau* a Sworn Surgeon, and a very skillful Man-midwife, Mr. *De Verney*, Phyſician and Anatomiſt of the King's Garden, Mr. *Mery* a Surgeon, and my ſelf, and many other Surgeons, both of *Hotel-Dieu* and the City.

We Examined with Attention the Body of this Woman, and found what follows:

All the Parts that compoſe the *Matrix*, both inward and outward, as alſo the *Vagina* were very ſound. It was as big as it uſes to be in Women Ten or Twelve Days, after they are brought to Bed. The Internal Orifice was of a livid Colour, occaſioned by the ſeveral touchings

ings of it, both before and after her Death. There was no mark of a Cicatrice or Hole, but thoſe of the Proceſſes, called *Tubæ Faloppianæ*, which yet were hardly wide enough to admit of a Hogs Briſtle. All the Company did agree, that the Child was never conceived in the *Matrix*, and that it had never ſtaid there. The right Teſticle or Ovary was very ſound, but the Tuba and its Fringe were Rotten in the place where 'tis faſtened to the Membranes of the *Peritonæum*, which form'd the Bag in which the Child was wrapped.

The left Teſticle was of the bigneſs of a Hens Egg, full of a ſtinking *Serum*, and the Ligaments large, the Tuba and its Fringe was Rotten.

This Bag was placed betwixt the Matrix and the ſtreight Gut, in the Cavity which is formed by the bending of the *Os Sacrum*, the Child was on his Knees, lying towards the right ſide, and ſeemed to have been dead Seven or Eight Days; for the Scarf-skin, or Epidermis did eaſily ſeparate from the Parts under it.

The Child had left its *Placenta*, tho' ſtill faſtened to it by the Umbilical Veſſels; and the *Placenta* being out of the Bag was on the left ſide, whence was voided a great quantity of Blood into the Capacity: Its edges being brought near to one another, repreſented a Bowl ſuch as they play at Nine Pins with: All the Membranes that formed this Bag, and theſe that encompaſt it were Gangreen'd.

I believe that the bigneſs which we obſerved in the Matrix proceeded only from a Reflux of Blood, and the Spirits which carryed the Nouriſhment to the *Fætus* when it lived.